

164 [THE SOUL OF MAN.] *NOME TEIPSUM!*  
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Then is the Soul from God ? So Pagans say!  
Which saw by Nature's light, her heavenly  
kind! Naming her " Kin to God ! " and "  
GOD's bright ray!" " A citizen of heaven, to  
earth confined! "

But now I feel they pluck me by the ear,  
(Whom my young Muse so boldly termed  
blind) And crave more heavenly light; that  
cloud to clear, Which makes them think  
GOD doth not make the Mind!

GOD doubtless makes her 1 and doth make  
her good! Reasons And grafts her in a  
Body, there to spring; Dmmtym Which though  
it be corrupted, flesh and blood, Can no way  
to the Soul, corruption bring!

And yet this Soul (made good by GOD at  
first, And not corrupted by the  
Body's ill) Even in the womb, is  
sinful and accurst, Ere she can judge  
by Wit, or choose by Will.

Yet is not GOD, the author of her Sin !  
Though author of her Being, and  
being there! And if we dare to judge  
our Judge therein; He can condemn  
us, and Himself can clear!

First, GOD, from infinite eternity  
Decreed what hath been, is, or shall  
be done! And was resolved that  
every man should Be! And, in his  
turn, his race of life should run!

And so did purpose all the souls to make,  
That ever have been made, or ever  
shall! And that their Being, they  
should only take In human bodies,  
or not Be at all!

Was it then fit, that such a weak event  
(Weakness, itself! the sin and fall of  
Man) His counsel's execution should  
prevent? Decreed and fixed before  
the world began!